

SQUALUS OCELLATUS.



CHARACTER GENERICUS.

Spiracula quinque ad latera colli.

Corpus oblongum teretiufculum.

Os in anteriore capitis parte.

Lin. Syst. Nat. p. 397.

CHARACTER SPECIFICUS, &c.

SQUALUS subfasciatus fusco maculatus, oculo utrinque nigro supra pinnas pectorales.

SQUALUS litura magna rotunda nigra, circulo albo cincta, ad utrumque colli latus.

Syst. Nat. Gmel. p. 1495.

Continentur in genere hoc voraci et exitioso nonnullæ species quæ non modicam elegantiam jactare possunt. Exemplo fit illa in tabula depicta, quæ non modo corpus habet satis concinnum, maculasque æqualiter dispositas, sed etiam notis duabus nigris, permagnis, rotundis seu potius leviter ovatis insignitur, utrinque super pinnas pectorales sitis, alboque limbo circumdatis in oculorum similitudinem. In numero est hæc species minorum squalorum, nasciturque in maribus australibus.



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THE
OCELLATED SHARK.



GENERIC CHARACTER.

Spiracula five on each side the neck.

Body oblong, somewhat cylindrical.

Mouth situated beneath in the fore part of the head.

SPECIFIC CHARACTER, &c.

SUBFASCIATED SHARK, with dusky spots, and a black ocellated mark on each side above the pectoral fins.

Ocellé.

Brousson. act. Paris, 1780. p. 660. n. 10.

Amongst this voracious and destructive tribe there are some species which possess no inconsiderable degree of elegance. Of this the fish here represented is a remarkable instance, which, exclusive of the general neatness of its appearance and the regular distribution of its spots, is distinguished by two very large and beautiful round, or rather slightly oval black marks, situated on each side, immediately

ately above the pectoral fins. These spots are surrounded by a margin of white, so as to resemble a pair of eyes. This animal is one of the smaller sharks, and is a native of the Southern Seas.